(a) whether the Coal India Management is considering a proposal to hand over Dankuni Coal Complex to a private foreign company;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reasons for such proposal/decision by the Coal India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Compassionate Appointments in BCCL

3535. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state the number of cases for employment on death of employees or medical ground (NCWA 9.4.2 and 9.4.3) pending at the Headquarters of BCCL as on 31st March, 1998 and the facts in details giving the names and the period for which they are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): Details of pending cases for employment on death of employees or medical ground under NCWA 9.4.2 and NCWA 9.4.3 at the headquarter of BCCL since 1991 and upto 31st March, 1998 are as under:—

Year	Employment Cases under NCWA (9.4.2)	Employment Cases under NCWA (9.4.3)
1991	12	06
1992	18	23
1993	29	10
1994	26	10
1995	45	04
1996	100	—
1997	151	07
1998(UPTO March' 98	95	18
TOTAL:	476	78

The information called for with regard to names of the persons waiting for employment is voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

As reported by Coal India Limited, the reasons for non-finalisation of these cases are as under:

1. Non-submission of required information by the claimant.
2. Undue delay on the part of claimant in submission of claim.
3. Claim submitted and objected by different nominees.
4. Incomplete/contradictory information submitted in the claim which are detected during scrutiny and its clarification, takes time.
5. Claims lodged by second wife or her son while the first wife is alive.

Non-Implementation of Awards by BCCL

3536. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tribunal Awards not implemented by BCCL as on 31st March, 1998 giving the names, dates and reasons for non-implementation of the awards;

(b) whether there are prosecution cases instituted for non-implementation; and

(c) the details of the legal expenses of BCCL for the last three years with year-wise break up and the steps taken on that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The details of awards pending for implementation in BCCL from 1982 onwards and upto 31.3.1998 are as under:—

No. of awards	Details of award
23	Employment of 1077 contractual workers.
20	Reinstatment of 30 workers.
18	Mostly relating to promotional matters.

Information called for with regard to names and dates of awards is very voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

The main reasons for non-implementation of these awards is stated to be that the Company has gone in appeal to the Hon'ble High Court against these awards.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Legal expenses incurred by BCCL during the last three years are as under:—

1995-96	Rs. 43,85,158.00
1996-97	Rs. 35,61,857.00
1997-98	Rs. 50,46,144.00

Increase in the Price of Tea

3537. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found out the reasons for the hike of tea prices in the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have prepared any action plan to increase the production of tea in the country during the current five year plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the quantity of tea exported as compared to the targets fixed for each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Though the average prices of tea sold at Indian auctions registered an increase from a level of Rs. 62.61 per kg in June, 1997 to Rs. 91.98 per kg in January, 1998, the prices have started showing a declining trend since February, 1998. Rise in the prices of tea has been on account of shortfall in tea production in other producing countries like kenya coupled with higher domestic and export demand for Indian Tea.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to achieve annual production target of 1000 mn kgs. by the end of current five year plan i.e. 2001-02. Activities planned to achieve this target inter-alia include measures such as replantation, extension planting, setting up of new plantations, assistant to small growers in extension activities, development of tea plantations in non-traditional areas and research and development etc.

(e) Exports of tea vis-a-vis the targets during the past 3 years have been as under:—

Year	Export (Qty in Mn Kgs)	
	Target	Achievement
1995-96	170	167.47
1996-97	180	169.04
1997-98	180	211.76

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3538. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि विदेशी सहयोग हेतु आवेदन करते समय कंपनियों द्वारा की गई वचनबद्धता के अनुसार निर्यात किया जाए, क्या प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाती है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कौन-कौन सी कंपनियां निर्यात संबंधी अपनी वचनबद्धता को पूरा करने में असफल रही हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उन कंपनियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) इस उद्देश्य के लिए निर्धारित की गयी प्रक्रिया में निर्यातकों को निर्धारित निर्यात प्रतिबद्धताओं को पूरा करने के लिए